METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATMENT OF EYE DISORDERS USING ARTICULATED ARM COUPLED ULTRAVIOLET LASERS

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ABSTRACT

Surgical method and apparatus for presbyopia correction and glaucoma by laser removal of the sclera tissue are disclosed. The disclosed preferred embodiments of the system consists of a beam spot controller, an articulated arm and an attached end-piece. The basic laser beam includes UV laser having wavelength ranges of (0.19-0.36) microns, generated from UV excimer lasers of ArF, XeCl or solid state lasers of Nd:YLF, Nd:YAG, Ti:sapphire with harmonic generation using nonlinear crystals. Presbyopia is treated by ablation of the sclera tissue in predetermined patterns outside the limbus to increase the accommodation of the ciliary body of the eye. Glaucoma is treated by decreasing of intra ocular pressure of the laser surgery. A new concept based on a 2-component model is proposed and the accommodation increase is given by both lens thickness increase and its anterior shift.